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BOUNTY ON REFINED LEAD

The Government Has Yielded to the Demand From British Columbia.

Ottawa, May 17.—The Government has yielded to the demand from the West for a bounty on refined lead. The proposal is contained in a resolution which Mr. Fielding will offer in the Commons on Monday. It provides that the bounty on lead refined in Canadian smelters from Canadian lead ore shall be, in 1902, $5 per ton of refined lead; in 1903, $4 per ton; in 1904 $3 per ton; in 1905 $2 per ton, and in 1906, $1, payable half yearly in July and January. These bounties shall not exceed $100,000 in any year. If the bounties payable for the half-year exceed $50,000 at the rate fixed, the rate shall be reduced so as to keep the *bounty within the limit for the year.* If the bounties are less than $50,000 in the half-year, they shall be carried over to the credit of the next halfyear.

It is provided that the Governor-in-Council may make such rules and regulations, including regulations as to charges for refining, as may be deemed expedient in the public interest, for the purpose of carrying out the act, and all payments of bounty shall be subject to the due observance of such rules and regulations. The bounties cease on Dec. 31, 1906.

DROPPED THIRTY FEET.

Details of a Fatal Railway Accident on Crow's Nest Pass Line—Brakeman Barney Drowned.

The Cranbrook, B.C., Herald gives details of a fatal train accident on the Crow's Nest Pass road, between Sparwood and Hosmer stations. The train was in charge of Conductor O'Hagan, with Engineer Wardman and Fireman Cook in the cab and Claude Barney, head brakeman, occupying a seat on the fireman's side. The train was bound east, and as it was rounding a curve on the bank of the Michel river, at a slow rate, it struck a piece of track that had been forced out over the bank by a land slide. When Engineer Wardman saw the trouble he shut off his engine and threw the air valve into the emergency, but it was too late to stop the train or make a move for safety. Before there was time to more than grab the lever, and hold on for dear life, the engine had gotten out on the track hanging over a drop of 30 feet to the Michel river *below. There was a griding crash of* binding steel and straining parts, and then a sudden drop into the depths below. Down they went, Wardman still clinging to the lever and his seat. The engine turned over, and Fireman Cook, who was standing in the gangway, was thrown clear off the engine and tender into the river, and swam ashore, escaping with a few cuts and bruises. When the engine finally landed the engineer's side was above the swift-flowing water, and Wardman broke the glass in his window and crawled out to safety. On the other side sat "Bud Barney, who had come in to get relief from the chilly air of the night, and was calmly smoking his pipe. Sitting back by the boiler, there was no opportunity for him to escape, and when the engine landed he was on the under side, held down in the current by the awful weight of No. 694, and there his body rests today, waiting for the arrival of machinery of sufficient power to remove the tender and engine.

The accident was one of those that are unavoidable. The train was being run with great caution, but owing to the fact that the track was thrown out, there was no chance to prevent *the wreck. The escape of the engineer* and fireman was little less than miraculous, and the death of young Barney is deplored by all. He is a son of Cliff Barney, engineer on the yard engine and his untimely end was a hard blow to his parents. He had been braking only two weeks, and had entered upon the work under protest from his mother.

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WEALTH OF THE NORTH.

A Great Clay Belt of 16,000,000 Acres—Delusions as to the Climate.

The report of the government exploration parties who covered New Ontario last summer, has just been published. Although portions of it have been published from time to time and made public, the full magnitude of the resources of that vast region have scarcely been comprehended. The volume contains nearly 300 pages, and is made specially interesting by the presence of scores of photographs, revealing the wealth of many forests, the abundance of water powers and examples of good farming discovered in unexpected places. The report of the various parties is summarized as follows:

The great clay belt running from the Quebec boundary west through Nipissing and Algoma districts and into the district of Thunder Bay, comprises an area of at least 24,500 square miles, or 15,680,000 acres, nearly all of which is well adapted for cultivation. This almost unbroken stretch of good land is nearly three quarters as great in extent as the whole settled portion of the province south of Lake Nipissing and the *French* and Mattawa rivers. It is larger than the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Delaware combined, and one-half the size of the state of New York. The region is watered by the Moose river, flowing into James bay, and its tributaries, the Abitibi, Mattagami and Missinabie, and by the Albany and its tributaries, the Kenagami and Ogoke. Each of these rivers are over 300 miles in length, and they range in width from 300 or 400 yards to a mile. They are fed by numerous smaller streams, and these in turn drain numberless lakes of larger or smaller size, so that the whole country is one network of waterways, affording easy means of communication with long stretches fit for navigation. The great area of water surface *also* assures the country against the protracted droughts so often experienced in other countries. The southern boundary of this great tract of fertile land is less than 40 miles from Missinabie station on the C.P.R., and the country north of the height of land being one immense level plateau sloping off towards James Bay, the construction of railways and wagon roads through every part of it would be a comparatively easy matter.

In the small part of the district of Rainy River which was explored, the proportion of good land is not so great, but the clay land in the townships is tempered by the great spruce forests and the presence of so large a proportion of water surface. The country, too, has an abundance of wood for fuel, building and commercial purposes, and pure water everywhere.

Another point equalled only in importance by the existence of a vast area of agricultural land in this country and its moderate climate is the fact that it is largely covered with extensive forests of spruce, jackpine and poplar. The value of this class of timber, as everybody knows, is increasing every day and the market for it is widening, and rich, indeed, is the country which has boundless resources in these varieties of woods. In the District of Nipissing, north of the C. *P. R. line, there is estimated to be at* least 20,000,000 cords of pulpwood; in the district of Algoma, 100,000,000 cords; in the District of Thunder Bay, 150,000,000 cords, and in the District of Rainy River, 18,000,000 cords; a grand total of 288,000,000 cords. The pine region does not seem to extend much beyond the height of land, but on this side, in the country around Lakes Tamagaming and Lady Evelyn, and to the north, an area of red and white pine of fine quality was explored and estimated to contain about three billions of feet board measure.

A feature of this region, which it is well to note from an industrial point of view, is the existence of many falls on the rivers and streams. These will no doubt be utilized with advantage in the creation of economical power when *the country comes to be opened up.*

It was expected that the parties would be able to make a thorough and exhaustive exploration of all the territory assigned to them, and the estimates here given of what has been reported are very conservative. Totalling up the figures quoted, however, we have over 25,000 square miles of good fertile land, or over 16,000,000 acres, and 288,000,000 cords of spruce or other pulpwood. There is also numerous smaller areas, both of timber and land, which are not included in these figures, but which will be available when the development of the country takes place.—Globe.

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A FOOL AND HIS MONEY

Synopsis of a Sermon by Rev. W. M. Rochester of Knox Church.

LUKE 12: 13-21.

It is not literally exact to adopt this title for this particular incident of Christ's teaching. It is practically accurate however, and in using it we modernize the story, cast it into the mould of present day life, and make a current popular phrase do duty in inviting attention to a great life lesson.

It is to be specially observed here that the brand "fool" is imposed by Christ. He says that they who think and act towards money and wealth as did this character of His invention are guilty of folly in high degree. And inasmuch as Christ in all His utterances was moved not by passion of anger, of fretfulness and impatience, but by the sober spirit of truth, it behooves every one to mark well His portrayal of character, and the features which in His estimate are those of a fool. Great care must indeed be taken at this point. Here as emphatically as anywhere, or more so, Christ's judgment clashes with ours. The disposition in us to applaud the rich and the worldly great for their wisdom is very marked. They are the idols and examples of our time. We labor to tune our life up (or down) to the pitch of theirs. Remembering this inclination we should strive more sincerely to discern between wisdom and folly. With this object in view, and in honest quest for the truth we may weigh well these serious words of the Great Teacher.

How shall we define folly? Who, in the abstract, is a fool? The marked feature of a fool is his habit of putting things out of place, mixing them up, creating confusion in values, assigning them distinction in reverse order of importance. He turns the world upside down. His judgment is not well poised. He is unreasoning and unreasonable. He makes light of great things and much of trifles.

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sponsibility to God for use. Trusteeship is not a duty imposed solely by man's appointment. It is a constant relationship established by God in respect to Himself. All that we have is held in trust. The disposition of wealth is not made aright when controlled by our own desire and purpose. Another Will must be regarded. It is the obligation of every man to spend his money and use his wealth as seems right and best in the sight of God. This is folly, Jesus says, to overlook or ignore the great principle of divine authority in using and spending what is lent us. Glorify God with a purse of gold as fully as seems right with the talent of speech or the gift of song.

2. It is folly to regard riches as the *chief good. It hardly needs, one would* think, the emphatic teaching of the Scriptures to convince us of the inadequacy of mere wealth to meet the higher needs of life. The abundance of riches does not necessarily mean fulness of life, or satisfaction in life. This truth is apparent to those who take time to read the pages of personal history as they are spread out before us. Jesus however has given it tremendous emphasis. His voice is heard in tones of thunder upon the impotence of riches to meet the varied needs of man. Man does not live by bread alone, He has declared. How poor and low a life is theirs who attempt it!

"Attempt, how monstrous and how surely vain!
With things of earthly sort, with aught but God,
With aught but *moral excellence, truth* and love,
To satisfy and fill the immortal soul.
Attempt, vain inconceivably! attempt
To satisfy the ocean with a drop,
To marry immortality to death,
And with the unsubstantial shade of time
To fill the embrace of all eternity!"

In worth and contentment life may be very rich without worldly goods. Consider the life of Him who had no earthly store, who had neither house nor shelter of His own: consider its strength and its volume of content. Consider the feebleness and emptiness of the life of many who, judged by the world, possess all fulness and opportunity. A man's life truly consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. To think so, in the light of life's nature and history, and in the light of Christ's teachings is folly.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of An Adjourned Meeting Held Last Evening.

An adjourned meeting of the town council was held last night. All the members were present, with Mayor Cameron in the chair.

The offer of W. McCarthy, Jr., to lease Coney Island was accepted providing an agreement be entered into satisfactory to a committee composed of Couns. Belyea and Chadwick.

The following petitions under local improvement bylaw were referred to chairman of board of works to report upon: Sidewalk on May, Gertie and Victoria streets; sidewalk on River and Silver streets: sewer on Second street.

The late clerk laid on the table certificate of ownership of water lot.

The clerk was instructed to write the Ontario government asking them to consider favorably the petition submitted to them by A. Ledice and others to open up a road through Jaffray township to Black Sturgeon Lake, there being a large area of farming lands, which would be settled upon if they have a road fit to drive a team over.

Coun. Horswill gave notice of motion to insure the pump house and plant.

Coun. Chadwick gave notice that at the next meeting of the council he would introduce a bylaw for the purpose of raising the sum of $50,000 more or less for the purpose of purchasing the present electric light and telephone plant or installing a system of electric lighting and telephone system.

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Another important fact established by the explorations is that the climate in this northern district presents no obstacle to successful agricultural settlement. The information obtained completely dispels the erroneous impression that its winters are of Arctic severity and its summers to short to enable crops to mature. The absence of summer frosts noted by the explorers and the growth of all the common vegetables at the Hudson's Bay posts must disabuse the public mind of this erroneous impression. The 50th parallel of latitude passes through the centre of the agricultural belt, and the climate is not much different from that of the province of Manitoba, lying along the same parallel, with this exception, of course, that the winter

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"As a matter of fact, Gaudaur and other Canadians have given Towns more time and attention than he deserved. He has, however, convinced people on this side of the Atlantic that all he wanted was a little conversation. Now that he has had that, will he please subside?"

South African Mines.

London, May 18.—Evidence is not lacking that there will be a South African mining boom before many weeks. Johannesburg is gradually filling, mines are re-opening and arrangements are making for the reorganization of the government of the town. The re-opening of the "Kaffir Circus" would have at least one good result, it would engross the attention of the capitalistic class, and allow it less leisure for meddling in the government of the new British colonies.

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1. It is folly to regard wealth as our own. In thinking and speaking of ownership folly may have place and find expression. This positive and unqualified use of "I" and "my" in the matter of earthly treasure is blameworthy. The whole truth as to conditions of ownership is not regarded. Boastfulness overlooks the part of divine providence in contributing to our advancement. "Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one and setteth up another." Self-made men, so called, are tempted to do themselves greater honor than is just. They forget the glory due unto Him whose is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty." They forget the fact that all things come from God. Surely it is not the part of wisdom to disparage Providence. Strange blindness possesses the soul of those who say that God has no part in contributing to their wealth. Who is the dispenser of heat and moisture? Who controls the conditions of increase? Who lends strength to the arm of labor and wisdom to the mind that plans? In the face of evidence let us not play the part of foolish boasters.

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4. It is folly to conceal the fact that wealth is ours only for a time. Brief is our holding at the longest and a grave uncertainty continually threatens us. The decree may go forth at any time, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee." From the execution of this fiat man can neither redeem himself or his fellows. All his wealth is not a sufficient bribe to stay the death-messenger. What folly to think of this life always and forget that bourne to which we all hasten! When a man dies he can take nothing with him, "There are no pockets in a shroud" the proverb says.

Christ would have all learn wisdom: learn to be rich toward God, rather than to heap up treasure to ourselves; learn to set our affections on things above and not on things on the earth. It is the part of wisdom to guard against covetousness and to lay up treasure in heaven. This wisdom will be our security when the summons comes to depart hence.

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Rich Strike in British Columbia.

A Vancouver despatch says that an extremely rich strike has been made on the Tyhee mine, Mount Sicker, Vancouver Island. The vein is three feet wide, and runs several hundred dollars to the ton. The strike has caused much excitement, and is said to have resulted in the purchase of the Victoria copper canyon and the Susan claims, containing the same ledge as the Tyhee and Lenora for $88. The purchaser was W. A. Dier, of Victoria.

HAS SOLD A MINING CLAIM.

Prof. Hille Disposes of a Big Deposit of Iron Pyrites to Philadelphia People.

There seems to be a sale of good deposits of iron pyrites. During the past year several sales of this class of mining lands have been made. The latest sale took place yesterday when Prof. Hille of this town sold to a Philadelphia company, a deposit of iron pyrites situated near Schreiber.

This deposit, which consists of a 14 foot vein of solid ore free from rock, was discovered and taken up some time ago. A test pit 12 feet deep was sunk which showed the vein to be all that could be desired. The property was then put on the market. It is situated about two and a half miles west of the village of Schreiber, and is distant from the Canadian Pacific railway only 200 yards and from Lake Superior only a half mile. A good harbor for boats to lie in when loading is furnished at this point. The facilities for shipping, as will be recognized, it would be hard to surpass and shipments can be carried on the year round without incurring the expense of building long and expensive roads. We understand the new owners will erect camps and begin, as soon as preparations can be made, active mining. This property, evidently has been purchased to work and not to hold, as has been the case in so many instances where iron pyrites has been the mineral involved.—Port Arthur Herald.

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A CANADIAN MINT.

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ation we possess to the contrary. The titles Vicount of Canada and Earl of Stirling were borne during the 17th century by the Alexander family, whose representatives, though at present fallen from their ancient grandeur, are said not to be extinct.

Wireless telegraphy has been successfully operated over a distance of 134 miles off the coast of Malta. While the British were conducting these experiments the operators were surprised to receive a passage in Italian asking as to the position of the ship. It was learned later that the message came from an Italian war vessel at Syracuse, which suggests that complications might arise if two nations were playing at the same game at once.

From statements printed in England it appears that the biggest single item in the estimated cost of the South African war is that for ocean transport. When ship owners complain of their vessels being taken from their regular services they are not without their consolation. They have received $70,000,000 already, and there is $40,000,000 more set apart for them. The soldiers who did the fighting have received only $25,000,000.

Ill Informed Sir Wilfrid.

If the Premier would read the blue-books he presents to Parliament he would get some useful information. On Tuesday Sir Wilfrid Laurier groaned about the refusal of Parliament to ratify the Yukon deal, and said we were suffering bitterly in consequence. There was no railway to the Yukon, and the trade of the country was now tributary to Seattle—all because of the defeat of this statesmanlike railway scheme. Two weeks ago Sir Wilfrid laid on the table of Parliament the Mounted Police report. On page 5 his officer at Dawson reports as follows:

"A few years ago it was much cheaper to ship freight to Dawson via the St. Michael route, but now, with the completion of the White Pass & Yukon Railway from Skagway to White Horse such matters have been revolutionized, and by far the greater quantity of freight is now brought in via the railroad."

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Census Taking to Cost $750,000.

Montreal, May 17.—Mr. Thomas Cote assistant census commissioner for the Province of Quebec, says the taking of the census will cost the country in the neighborhood of $750,000, and that the result will probably be made known about July 1. In speaking of the salary of the census enumerators, Mr. Cote said a mistaken apprehension had gone out that a fixed wage of $3 a day, had been promised. The maximum salary Mr. Cote said, was $3 a day, but that did not mean all enumerators were given that much. The salary is paid at the rate of 5 cents per name taken. One reason why this had not been explained sooner, Mr. Cote said, was because there might have been some danger of forgeries and stuffed lists. The enumerators had not been deceived, however, for they had been informed that $3 was the maximum salary they could earn per day.

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The deputation from the Chamber of Mines who waited on the government for a grant of $5,000 were lead to believe that the supplementary estimates would contain the amount, will wonder how it happened. It is quite possible a grant to the Chamber and the increase of $500 in sessional indemnity to each member couldn't come in the same supplementary list. It may be that the grant is laid out for the "still further" supplementaries.

The government in its wisdom has seen fit to recommend an increase in the sessional indemnity to each member of $500, to begin with the present session. This will total $117,000. We believe a great many members earn a great deal more than $1,500, and are certainly entitled to it, but there are some who will have to work a great deal harder before they can enjoy an easy conscience of duty well done.

Mr. Henniker Heaton's proposal that we should have royal princes of Canada and Australia recalls the fact that there was once a vicount of Canada, and still may be somewhere on the earth's surface, for any precise inform-

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I have a clean, clear title.

He's turned the whole house upside down,
Changed everything, and yet it
Does seem more homelike since he came
To oust me and upset it.

He came as comes a king unto
His own. He showed no papers,
But raised his voice and cut a few
Not very kinglike capers.

Within the walls I once thought mine
The rascal holds carouse now.
I walk the floor and pay the bills,
But baby owns the house now!

—M. N. B. in Boston Herald.

"Little Bat" AND THE Sibley Fight.

"The long haired man from the west may be all right, but there are others," remarked a dark, swarthy, stout man in this city yesterday. He was Frank Grouard, ex-chief of scouts of the United States army, the hero of a hundred Indian fights and hairbreadth escapes. There is nothing romantic in the appearance of this big, brawny man, his black hair now well streaked with silver, but his exploits are liberally blazoned on the army reports by Crook and Sheridan. Born on an island in the south Pacific in 1850, the son of a missionary, through stress of circumstance at the age of 5 he was left to shift for himself. Doing chores about the California mining camps and driving an ore wagon were his training for carrying mail over a lonely star route. He was captured as a youth by Indians and adopted as a son by the famous Sioux chief Crazy Horse, living five years in Indian camps, eating his meat without salt, forgetting the taste of bread, and intrusted with the mysteries of "medicine making" by Sitting Bull. This school inured him to hardship and eventually led him to meet and overcome dangers that few men have experienced.

When he saw the telegram in the newspaper of yesterday relating the tragedy at Crawford, Neb., that sounded "taps" for Baptiste Garnier, better known as the famous scout Little Bat, he quite forgot the overhanging wonder of the elevated road and the tall buildings to tell his regret at the passing of one who had shared with him many perils. "Did you ever hear of the Sibley fight?" he asked. "If you have not, John Finerty can tell you one lively side of it. Little Bat might have told you some more about it, and I might say something myself. Yes, we were all in it up to our chins, and as an all round close shave I think all accounts agree that it was about the limit. The idea of a man living on a diet of that kind and then getting killed in a saloon fight! It seems tough. Poor Little Bat! Bad whisky was worse 'medicine' than Sitting Bull ever made in all his years of deviltry.

"But you want me to tell about the Sibley fight, do you? It was about 24 years ago last July, just about a week before the battle that wiped out Gen-

but Sibley, at my suggestion, ordered no firing unless they charged up to us, which is not the way an Indian fights.

"We got to the timber at 10 o'clock in the morning, and we did not fire a shot until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Every man had his tree, and he stuck to it closer than a brother. Early in the day a leather lunged Sioux yelled at me that he knew Bat and myself were there, and they were going to have great fun with us—particularly me. I knew what that meant without a map, so I told every soldier to save a good cartridge for himself before surrendering to the fiendish tortures, for the Sioux have very original methods of making a man die by the most painful process possible.

"Along about the middle of the afternoon my red friends who were waiting to entertain me began to get very gay, and were growing bolder every minute. They had killed all our horses but five, and thought it was impossible for us to get away—in fact, I heard them say so quite frequently in the gutteral language of the Cheyennes. White Antelope and a band of Cheyennes had joined the war party, and this chief began riding closer and closer to our trees. Finally he and another chief, who was riding about five yards behind him, came into fairly good range. I could see the color of his eyes as he came toward me. I pulled the trigger of my rifle, and both Indians went down together as a result of the single shot. It was the first shot from our party, and the double tragedy confused the Indians. Then our whole outfit poured in a withering volley, and I told Sibley it was our time to take advantage of their confusion and get through their line back to the gully. I waited until they were all fairly started back through the heavy timber, then, taking the lariat from timber, then, taking the lariat from the saddle of my dead horse, I followed.

"It was a mile from where we made our stand to the main fork of the Tongue river, and the woods were full of terrible windfalls, and it was awfully hard travelling. The first 200 yards the men had to simply squirm their way through the timber and keep very low. The savages had a comparatively thin line at our rear, as they knew the character of the country and thought we would be helpless without our horses.

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KEPT TWO HUSBANDS.

One of Them Was Nicely Embalmed, but Could Rise and Bow.

It isn't every woman who can keep two husbands in the house at the same time and keep the peace, too. The death in Cordele, Ga., of Mrs. Joseph E. Bivins, wife of the president of the First National Bank, recalls a sensation as ghastly as it was realistic. Mrs. Bivins was formerly an old maid in Atlanta, where she had some little property. Dr. Marvin, a specialist, from Omaha, Neb., came to Atlanta, wooed the matured maiden and made her his wife. He engaged in some real estate speculations, which made him worth nearly $1,000,000. He then moved to Cordele and erected a magnificent home, which was a dream in the eyes of the country people.

The happy couple lived in this new palace but a few weeks when the doctor sickened and died. Mrs. Marvin refused to be comforted. She forbade a funeral and telegraphed to New Orleans for an expert embalmer and an expert electrician. The result of their joint efforts was that Dr. Marvin was enabled to remain in his seat in the parlor and by electrical appliance would rise and bow to his widow and then take his seat again. Ridiculous as this may seem, there was no arguing the widow out of its continuance. After about a year of this kind of enjoyment the widow concluded to give her hand and heart to Mr. Joseph Bivins, who had become her business manager. After her marriage she took him to her home. And then it was that she gained the remarkable distinction of having two husbands in the house at the same time, one alive and the other dead.

She had Mr. Bivins look upon the body of her dead husband in the parlor, and it was only after urgent solicitation on his part that she consented to the remains being sent to Macon and buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Notwithstanding this very peculiar conduct we are glad to know that Mrs. Bivins was a lady of great charity and many Christian virtues.

Preserving Meat by Electricity.

The principal of cataphoresis, or the driving of foreign substances into animal tissue by means of electric currents, has been adopted with great success in both medical and dental work. In these capacities it is employed principally in conjunction with cocaine or some other anesthetic for the purpose of rendering the flesh of the tooth to be operated upon insensible to pain. The benumbing solution is forced into the tissue, and even into the obdurate sensitive dentine of the tooth, until no sensation whatever is possible for the time being in the region under treatment. A provision merchant of Rio Janeiro has hit upon the ingenious idea of applying this method to the preservation of meat. He immerses the meat to be preserved in a 30 per cent. solution of common salt and passes through the whole a continuous current of electricity. In from ten to twelve hours the salting is said to be complete and the meat is taken out of the bath and hung up to dry. For the guidance of those who might be disposed to try the method, it must be added that in working a bath of 3,000 liters of brine, in which 1,000 kilos of meat may be immersed, the current may be of 100 amperes, with an electromotive force of eight volts. The electrodes must be of platinum, since if other materials, such as zinc or iron, were used, the metal salts formed would be injurious.

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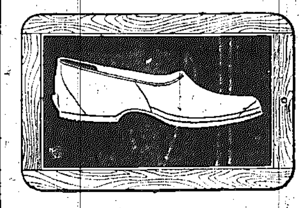

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tragedy at Crawford, Neb., that sounded "taps" for Baptiste Garnier, better known as the famous scout Little Bat, he quite forgot the overhanging wonder of the elevated road and the tall buildings to tell his regret at the passing of one who had shared with him many perils. "Did you ever hear of the Sibley fight?" he asked. "If you have not, John Finerty can tell you one lively side of it. Little Bat might have told you some more about it, and I might say something myself. Yes, we were all in it up to our chins, and as an all round close shave I think all accounts agree that it was about the limit. The idea of a man living on a diet of that kind and then getting killed in a saloon fight! It seems tough. Poor Little Bat! Bad whisky was worse 'medicine' than Sitting Bull ever made in all his years of deviltry.

"But you want me to tell about the Sibley fight, do you? It was about 24 years ago last July, just about a week before the battle that wiped out General Custer and his entire command. General Crook assigned Little Bat and myself to go north on the Tongue river and meet a body of friendly Crows that were joining us to fight against the Sioux. Much to my regret, Lieutenant F. W. Sibley and 21 picked men of the Second cavalry were detailed as an escort. The men were splendid fellows, but all more or less new in Indian fighting. We had been moving north two days when in the dawn of the third morning I discovered the Sioux moving toward the Tongue river thicker than buffaloes in the valley of the Platte. I called Bat softly, and when he saw the great painted procession stealing over the plains he said: 'My God, we are gone!'

"I waited until I saw them strike our trail. Immediately the discoverer began circling his horse and waving his blanket, and about ten minutes later every Indian in that section knew that white men were somewhere about. I thought we might possibly get away from them by getting up into the mountains. I told Bat to follow me with the men as fast as he could, my idea being to get beyond where the Twin creek trail crossed our own in the mountains, knowing that the Indians would naturally make a run to cut us off at that point. I suppose I went up the hills rather fast, for at length I got tired waiting at the trail crossing and went back for the soldiers. Imagine my surprise when I learned that the party had stopped to make coffee. Lieutenant Sibley admitted his inexperience in a running fight and had yielded to the importunings of his men, who wanted breakfast. I told him the chances were that none of us would eat any more between that time and kingdom come, as the Indians were probably waiting for us at the point we should have passed long ago. I made a wide detour from the trail as we toiled up the mountain. Very fortunately, for they were ambushed for us at the crossing of the trails between two high tree crowned buttes. If we had passed through that natural gate, none of us would have been left to tell about it. As we passed up the mountain to the left, they got on to our curves, and about 200 did some wild target practice in our direction. Strange to say, not a man was hit. Correspondent John Finerty's horse was shot, and he came up and joined me in leading the line. The horses were inclined to stampede at the first fire, so at the beginning of the thick timber I ordered the stock tied in a bunch. The Indians tried in every way to draw our fire,

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"Poor Little Bat! He was in the lead. Just to think of it! Now he is snuffed out as the result of a cowardly misdeal in a miserable saloon fight!"

The speaker cast aside the stump of his cigar and said, "Where do you think I could find John Finerty anyway?"—Chicago Record.

A Ventriloquist.

Probably every one has seen a time when he wished he could administer rebuke impersonally. The Springfield Republican pictures an occasion when it was done.

The "grouchy" individual came from behind his paper and glared savagely at the woman with the crying baby. "Why can't you keep that brat quiet?" he snarled. "What's the matter with it, anyway?"

There was a dead silence in the car, and then a pitilessly distinct voice from nowhere in particular replied: "He thinks your face is the moon, and he's crying for it."

The surly one looked about with a deathly stare. Every one was quaking with mirth, but preserved a solemn countenance except the man who was smiling out of the window at the other end of the car.

"There are advantages in being a ventriloquist," he murmured softly to himself.

The Men of Mexico.

"It is curious," writes a City of Mexico correspondent of the Boston Herald, "what contrasts there are among the young men of the land. Out on the haciendas and ranches you find sturdy young fellows, much on horseback and expert with the rope and as skillful in riding as the Cossacks of the Don. These young men are the hope of Mexico. Often tall, broad shouldered and vigorous, they will be the fathers of healthy children and keep the Mexican nation alive. From men of this sort the cities are recruited, and their descendants will be the ruling men of the country. They, too, are romantic, but with a difference. They are too healthy to become aesthetic, and yet the women who marry them will be happier than as the mates of the poets whose fine fancies thrill the feminine heart."

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A Woman's Mental Attitudes.

Miss Gage was getting a dress for the hop and it was to be finished that day. I think women really like the scare of thinking their dresses will not be done for a given occasion, and so arrange to have them at the last moment. Mrs. March went with the girl early in the afternoon to have it tried on for the last time, and they came home reporting that it was a [illegible]. My wife confided to me that it was not half done—merely begun, in fact—and would never be finished in time in the world. She also assured Miss Gage that she need not be in the least uneasy; that there was not an hour's work on the dress; and that the dressmaker's reputation was at stake, and she would not dare to fail her. I knew she was perfectly sincere in both these declarations, which were, indeed, merely the expression of two mental attitudes, and had no relation to the facts.—William Dean Howells, in the October Century.

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Odd Little Clouds.

Photographs of flying bullets recently made in Italy show dark streaks and blurs just in front of the projectiles, and it is thought that these are the images of little clouds formed by the sudden condensation of moisture as the advancing bullet compresses the air ahead of it.

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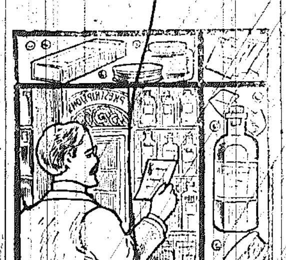

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Items of Local Interest

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Jas. Halley, formerly of McCullough & Halley, plumbers, Matheson street, is now prepared to take orders for plumbing, etc. Orders left at McVeigh & Walsh's liquor store, Matheson st., will receive prompt attention. Jobbing promptly attended to. 47-3

A moonlight excursion by the Str. Keenora is announced for the evening of Victoria Day, May 24th. It will be under the auspices of the Rat Portage Public Library. The Citizens' Band will be in attendance. Don't make any dates which will conflict with this popular excursion.

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NOTICE.

CAPT. W. WILLIAMS wishes it to be understood that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted in his name. 51-3t

W. Walters, Thos. Brownson and Arthur Grundy, of Winnipeg, spent Sunday in town.

Jack Echlin, of Winnipeg, was in town Sunday.

Hairon.

H. F. Holmes, who has been census enumerator for the Regina mine division, had his arm badly poisoned in some way during the performance of his duties last week. The arm to the elbow swelled up to three or four times its normal size, and for a couple of days he could neither eat nor sleep and was in great pain. He was brought to town and is now under treatment of Drs. Scovil & Gunne. It was first thought that he would lose the arm, but we are glad to state that he is now improving. Mr. Holmes does not know from what cause his arm became poisoned.

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Adrift on Lake Winnipeg.

Portage la Prairie, Man, May 17.—Peter Peterson, an Icelandic fisherman, met with an adventure on Lake Manitoba a few days ago in which he nearly lost his life. On Thursday of last week Peterson was out raising his nets, when a storm arose suddenly. He at once tried to return to shore, but lost one of his oars and drifted out on the lake. The unfortunate man lost his bearings completely and for four days and nights his little bark was at the mercy of the waves, the high winds making it impossible to reach safety, although on Sunday night he could see lights on the shore. On Monday, after a hard struggle, he laboriously directed his craft landwards, and reached Delta almost famished and in a most pitiable condition. He is now recovering from his unpleasant adventure.

Facts and Figures.

Canada has 10,000 postoffices.

Only 900 people in 1,000,000 die of old age.

Quebec is 293 years old; Montreal 259; Toronto 109.

Quebec province is three times as large as the United Kingdom and Ireland.

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THE FRENCH SOLDIER

SOME OF THE BRUTALITIES TO WHICH HE IS SUBJECTED.

Hazings and Other Punishments Which Sometimes End in the Victim's Death That Are Winked at, if Not Ordered, by the Officers.

Soldiers in the French army are not subjected by law to corporal punishment any more than it has been a part of the regulations governing the Military academy at West Point that cadets should "brace" or "qualify" on molasses and prunes. Nevertheless the French soldier is put through a hazing process which is most severe and several times has caused death. The French soldier is known as Picton or Dumanet, just as the English soldier is known as Tommy Atkins. Dumanet finds when he joins the colors that life is not all skittles for a soldier.

The thing which distinguishes the hazing in the French army from the hazing in American colleges and universities is that it is suggested and almost ordered by the commissioned officers. An officer will say to a corporal or a sergeant, "You have a man here who has done so and so," naming some trivial offense, more than likely to be some neglect of the deference due to the officer. "It would do him good if he were tossed in a blanket."

The officer turns on his heel and walks away, while the unfortunate soldier is placed in a blanket, with saber, spurs, jack boots, bayonets and such pleasant bedfellows, and the combination is tossed until the hazers are too tired to continue. This is great sport for the man's comrades, especially if they are half drunk, which they are likely to be. This diversion has rather gone out of favor just now, because several soldiers who have been tossed had the bad taste to die after the discipline.

In some of the French barracks a favorite method of punishment is to hang the offending soldier up by his heels and then to spank him with a sword bayonet. In Algiers, where the men are far removed in the outlying garrisons from the central authority and at the mercy of their tormentors, they are subjected to many forms of hazing at the suggestion of the officers.

At one time the "vilo" was much in favor among the hazers in the Algerian army of occupation. It consisted in putting a man in a deep hole made in the shape of a reversed funnel dug by the Arabs in the ground as a place for the storage of corn. The unfortunate man was left there sometimes for days, with hardly anything to eat or drink and exposed all the time to the heat of the sun, while at night the place was cold. Many died from hunger, thirst or cold, while many others became insane.

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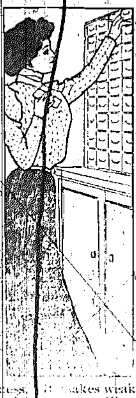

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WAS THERE A PLOT?

Dynamite Found Under a Theatre at San Francisco Which McKinley Was Invited to Visit.

San Francisco, May 18.—A dozen sticks of dynamite and the electric apparatus for firing them were discovered Thursday in the basement of the Washington street Chinese theatre, which the presidential party had been invited to attend.

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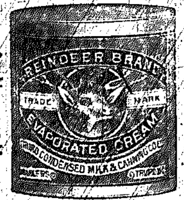

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E.J. Hall has rented the room under the Bank of Ottawa, for a tent and awning factory.

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Lake of the Woods Milling Co's. Building at Indian Head Burned on Saturday.

Indian Head, May 18.—At about 8:30 this morning fire was discovered in the roof of the Lake of the Woods elevator at this place. A strong southerly gale was blowing at the time and the elevator along with 23,000 bushels of wheat was soon consumed.

G.V. Hastings, the local manager of the Lake of the Woods Co., stated today that the insurance on the elevator destroyed on Saturday at Indian Head was $15,750, distributed in small amounts from $500 to $1,500 among twelve companies. There was also $2,500 insurance on the building distributed among four different companies. The loss would amount to considerable more than the insurance as there was 23,000 bushels of No. 1 hard wheat and a large quantity of flour. "The company," said Mr. Hastings, "will no doubt build the elevator in time for the fall crop."

The Man of the Week.

London, May 18.—"I have no intention of disassociating myself from the Conservative party, but I have every intention of upholding my attitude and continuing my fight for economy."

In this way has the man of the week, for so Mr. Winston Churchill undoubtedly is, expressed his own opinion to a representative of the Associated Press concerning the fight which by reason of its unexpected strength, and its dramatic revelation of inherited oratorical power, has caused more sensation in the political world than any other recent circumstance. The fact that the army reorganization scheme of Mr. Brodrick, the secretary for war, passed the house of commons by an abnormally large majority, is not taken in any

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Winterbottom's Clever Scheme.

"And now, darling, it only remains for you to say when"—

But at this moment the automobile, which had reached the top of the hill, started down the other side of the hill with frightful velocity.

The young man hastily applied the brake.

It failed to work.

He shut off the power.

It was too late.

The maddened machine raced down the steep grade.

At the foot of the incline there was a sharp turn to the left.

Here the automobile left the turnpike and ran down the embankment, throwing the young couple out and landing them in a big pile of sand.

"Never mind, darling," exclaimed the youth, who, with hat gone, collar loose at one end and coat ripped up the back, was presently engaged in digging sand out of the hysterical maiden's mouth; "this is one time that the course of true love ran smooth, even if it did get a bit of a jolt at the end of the run."

"Cyrus Winterbottom," she said half an hour later as they were journeying toward home in a farmer's wagon, "I believe you did the whole thing on purpose so you could have the chance of saying something smart."—Boston Journal.

Feminine.

"What caused you to change your mind about Fred?"

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"And then you decided to reject him?"

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Another form of punishment which used to be popular in Algiers was the "carcan." A piece of wood, usually the trunk of a tree, was used. The man was laid on it, usually bound so that the middle of his back would be resting on the wood, with his head and feet hanging down to the ground. His feet were tied to an iron bar and his hands to another, and, left lying face upward, he was exposed for hours to the terrible heat of the sun. Some men have survived 12 hours of this torture.

A form of punishment still popular among the French colonial troops—that is, popular with those who inflict it and not with those who suffer it—is the "crapadine." It consists of throwing the man face downward and tying his wrists and ankles behind his back so that his wrists and ankles are brought together.

An Embarrassing Laugh.

During a funny turn on the stage at the Walnut Street theater, Cincinnati, one night a man in the balcony leaned over the railing convulsed with laughter. During an extraordinary burst of hilarity his false teeth flew from his mouth and fell in the lap of a lady who was sitting in the parquet. Those near looked up and saw the toothless man waving frantically to the lady to pick up his teeth. This caused a general laugh at his expense. The teeth were returned by an usher.—Exchange.

Where the Guilt Lay.

"You say the play was entirely without a villain?"

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Curiously, the men who are easiest to get along with are the very men who have no faculty for getting along.—Detroit Journal.

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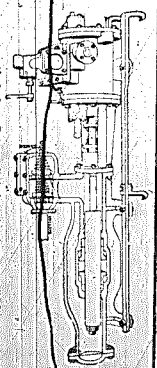

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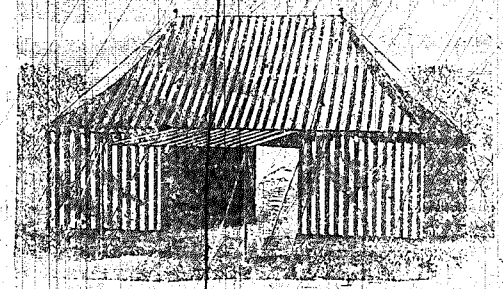

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